

Farewell comments

Carol S. Osborn retires as DANTES Deputy Director

What does one say at the end of a career that began in 1974? Basically, every face I see is a memory, and each has given meaning to my life. As I reflect on 32 years as part of the voluntary education community, I feel a strong sense of pride, not only for our mission, but also for the incredibly dedicated people with whom I have served. It's been a privilege.

Over the years I have had so many wonderful experiences and opportunities to grow as a person and as a leader. I have been honored to walk with so many of you during moments of your lives—some times were happy, and some sad, but they all made me grateful for your friendship.

Friends

Friends include all those incredible professionals in education centers around the world, senior leadership in each of the Services, OASD, Pam Quinn, and the NUTN Board, and partners everywhere—from Susan Robinson at ACE, to Kathy Snead and Andy Anderson at SOC, to Mike Lambert and Sally Welch at DETC, to deans of colleges and universities and organizations external to DANTES too numerous to mention—all of us working together to benefit Service members.

Looking back again over a life's work, one asks the question: did it

matter? Was the work meaningful, and did it make a difference? I can truly answer yes.

Service members

The following statement, which I heard on Veteran's Day, affirms this to me: "It is the Service member, not the preacher who has given us the freedom of religion, it is the Service member not the reporter that has given us the freedom of the press, it is the Service member not the poet that has given us the freedom of speech, it is the Service member not the lawyer who has given us the right to a fair trial, it is the Service member not the politician who has given us the right to vote. And it is the Service member who salutes the flag, who serves the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag when his life comes to the end who allows the protester to burn the flag."

So, I am proud of us for serving those men and women who wear the uniform and serve this country with honor and distinction. Your contributions in voluntary education have positively impacted these worthy individuals and their family members.

Early years

Over the years, I have seen many changes. When I began federal civil service, the Community College of



Carol Osborn retires from DANTES after 32 years of federal civil service.

the Air Force was in its infancy. For my first education workshop, we stuffed beeswax in our ears, sat on burlap seats, and roared over to Germany from England in a C-130.

One need only visit the DANTES Web site to see the increasing opportunities and outreach for those we serve.

We are all fortunate to stand on the shoulders of giants of the voluntary education community. I am thankful to have worked with great bosses—Dr. Barry Cobb who has built DANTES one brick at a time, and Dr. Jeffrey P. Cropsey who brings new and dynamic leadership. Finally, to the entire DANTES staff—a special thank you. You have met every challenge, and your support has been phenomenal.

The true joys of life are found in the journey, not the destination. It's been a great journey. My thanks and best wishes to each of you.

Editor's Note: Ms. Osborn has been at DANTES for 17 years – 12 as Head of the Education Programs Department and five as Deputy Director.

Testing Calendar

January 2007

13-17 Praxis *

February 2007

2 Excelsior Extended
Response (Essay)
10 LSAT

April 2007

6 Excelsior Extended
Response (Essay)
16-21 GRE Subject *
28-2 May Praxis*

June 2007

1 Excelsior Extended
Response (Essay)
11 LSAT

Notes:

Overseas test centers send orders six weeks before the test date.
CONUS test centers send orders four weeks before the test date.
Contractors ship tests to arrive just before the planned test date.

*Select only one test date from the published period for DANTES testing and specify that date on the order form.

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http://www.dantes.doded.mil/dantes_web/library/docs/examinations/06-07cal.pdf

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College Board introduces new Accounting exam

The College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) announced the introduction of a new Financial Accounting exam in January 2007. CLEP Financial Accounting, which covers content typically taught in a one-semester course, replaces the Principles of Accounting exam, which currently covers two semesters of knowledge – Financial Accounting and Managerial Accounting. The Principles of Accounting test will be discontinued on 30 June 2007.

The CLEP Financial Accounting test assesses a student's mastery of the skills and concepts required for success in a first-semester financial accounting course. The new exam is comprised of 75 questions, is 90 minutes in length, and is administered via the computer only. The American Council on Education (ACE) has recommended a credit-granting score of 50 for this examination and three semester hours of credit.

The "CLEP Official E-Study Guide 2006 – 18th Edition" does not contain the sample test for the new CLEP Financial Accounting test. You will need to visit the College Board Web site at <http://www.collegeboard.com/clep> for additional information.

Quantico first Marine Corps Base to offer doctorate programs

In January 2007, Old Dominion University will offer two doctorate of philosophy programs in education on base at Quantico. These will be delivered by satellite through the TELETECHNET Program, which means the courses will be offered even if only one student registers.

One of the doctorates will be Education Occupational and Technical Studies with an emphasis in Technology Education, Career and Technical Education, and Human Resources/Training. The other will be in Community College Leadership. They are both 60 credit degrees and the course work could be completed in three years.

Candidates may begin in January 2007 as non-degree seeking students while working on their admissions package.

The following are admissions requirements:

- A master's degree from an accredited university.
- A minimum GPA of 3.5.
- Minimum GRE score of 1500, GRE must be within the last five years.
- 1500 word essay emphasizing how this Ph.D. degree will contribute to the achievement of their academic and professional goals.
- Three letters of reference.
- An interview with administration.

For more information, contact the Quantico ESO at mcintoshs@nt.quantico.usmc.mil or visit their Web site at

http://www.quantico.usmc-mccs.org/Family_Services/education.htm.

Spotlight on island in Tyrrhenian Sea

Marti Readell, DANTES European Advisor



Last year I visited La Maddalena, a small island off the northern coast of the Italian island of Sardinia to work with DANTES testing personnel in this remote and beautiful area. Homeported in La Maddalena is the USS Emory S. Land, a submarine tender with a military TCO and ATCO performing the additional duties of a DANTES test site.

The Naval Support Activity, located on the island on a compound called Mordini, also has a DANTES testing site for the personnel assigned to this base. The reason I mentioned the name of the compound is the family who rents the base to the Americans has an agreement that they can live on the base in the top floor of the headquarters building as long as their lease exists. I conducted the training in the headquarters building and on the top floor is a separate entrance for the family. Even though security is very tight, anyone wanting to visit the family is allowed easy access. The Italian Army guards the compound.

The trip from Germany to La Maddalena was unique. I flew from Frankfurt, Germany, to Milan, Italy, and then to Olbia, Sardinia, located on the northern coast. After

renting a car, I drove to the small fishing village of Palau to catch a ferry to La Maddalena. Although the distance from Olbia to Palau is only 25 miles, it took me one hour to make the drive. My rental car with standard transmission never got out of third gear. This portion of the island consists of a granite mountain range. Locals say the granite used in the Statue of Liberty was quarried in this area. The ferry trip took about 15 minutes and I was in La Maddalena by 6:30 p.m. Even though the town/island is small, it took me numerous U-turns and communicating with Italian gas station attendants in sign language to find my hotel. An hour later I was checking in to the hotel. Luckily, the Italians do not start eating until 8 p.m., so I was right on time for dinner.

There was only a short window to meet with the testing personnel; the ship was due to leave port in a few days for an undisclosed location. Both TCOs deliver testing opportunities to our Service members in unique locations. Thanks for a great job to all DANTES testing personnel for supporting the troops.

Photo: A ferry crossing from Sardinia to La Maddalena.

Sound the Bugle - the call for voluntary education

DANTES currently has a limited number of DVDs of *Sound the Bugle*, describing the 200-year history of education benefits for the U.S. Armed Forces. Produced by the LeCroy Center for Educational Telecommunications, Dallas County Community College District, the DVD is narrated by Dr. Clinton (Andy) Anderson. It is a great review of military Voluntary Education!

If you'd like a copy, e-mail the DANTES Distribution Center at dist@voled.doded.mil and include: (1) your DANTES ID number, and (2) your shipping address. Let them know you want a copy of the *Sound the Bugle* DVD. Each DANTES ID is limited to one copy.

DANTES External Degree Catalog College profile: Capella University

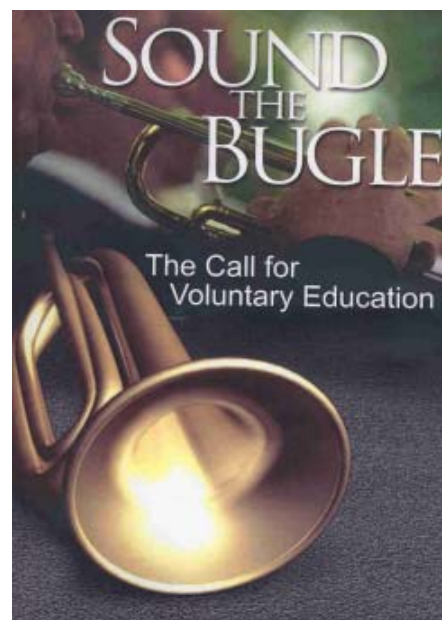
This is a second in the DANTES External Degree Catalog (DEDC) college highlighting series. Since institution courses are not listed in the DEDC, these discussions should provide counselors with a better understanding of the variety of programs available.

More than 2,500 Service members are currently earning degrees online at Capella University. Capella, established in 1993, was one of the first exclusively online universities and has conferred more than 6,700 degrees. Currently, Capella offers more than 760 online courses and undergraduate and graduate degree programs in more than 76 specialized areas of study.

Establishing credibility as a premiere academic institution is not easy, yet Capella University has demonstrated its excellence in many ways and has recently been recognized by the National University Telecommunications Network (NUTN), receiving the NUTN Outstanding Distance Education Innovation Award 2006. The NUTN organization, (<http://www.nutn.org>), is a consortium of over 50 institutions of higher education that emphasize distance learning through technology.

Capella is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association (NCA) of Colleges and Schools. In 2000, Capella University became the first online academic institution participating in the NCA's Academic Quality Improvement Program (AQIP). Participants commit to a program of continuous quality improvement similar to initiatives practiced in private industry. AQIP provides an alternative model of accreditation maintenance with the Higher Learning Commission.

By participating in AQIP, Capella is required to



The DVD "Sound the Bugle" is available from DANTES.

analyze its operational processes and measure outcomes within each of nine different quality criteria, and to set ambitious performance goals, such as converting all its courses to an outcomes/competency-based model. Learn more about AQIP at <http://www.AQIP.org>.

Capella University operates on the quarter system. Courses start monthly and are delivered through five, six or ten-week courses, depending on the degree program. Capella is especially aware of the needs of Service members and offers flexible schedules and reduced tuition.

This year the university offered five \$10,000 annual scholarships to Service members wounded in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. Further information about Capella University, its students and courses, can be obtained from the video and course demo at http://www.capella.edu/online_learning/students.aspx.

New Colorado ACME

The Colorado Advisory Council on Military Education (CO-ACME) will hold its first official meeting at 2 p.m. on 22 January 2007, at the Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) conference hotel, according to organizer Joe Morgan. CCME conference information is available at <http://www.ccmeonline.org>.

2007 DANTES training schedule announced

The DANTES training schedule for 2007 includes four Test Control Officer (TCO) Workshops, and two, possibly three DANTES Regional Workshops. We will also consider conducting one DANTES Services Workshop in Pensacola, Fla. in April.

The TCO workshops are designed for prospective Test Control Officers or Alternate Test Control Officers without previous TCO/ATCO experience. To register, contact DANTES, Code 20C at (850) 452-1111 x3128 or via e-mail at exams@voled.doded.mil. Prospective Guard/Reserve TCOs or ATCOs must first contact their Service Headquarters to attend.

Regional Workshops cover the various voluntary education programs and services that are provided through DANTES. We include our partners in higher education at colleges, universities and organizations like Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) and the American Council on Education (ACE). Not everyone can travel to Florida where we conduct our Services Workshops so we attempt to hold a minimum of two regional workshops annually where the greatest number of personnel may be included. These workshops always depend on available resources to support them.

We have one scheduled for Stockbridge, Mass. for 7-9 August and another scheduled for Atlanta for 18-20 September. Details for all our training will be posted on our Web site when it becomes available (<http://www.dantes.doded.mil>). Tentatively, we are planning another at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz. sometime in 2007.

We also are planning one Services Workshop in Pensacola in the Spring. During our Services Workshops, DANTES program managers provide in-depth training on DANTES programs and services. New counselors often describe this workshop as being “especially beneficial” and just what they need to gain an understanding of how the many “pieces fit together” in the world of voluntary education. Details will be made available as plans are finalized.

Registration for either a Services or Regional Workshop can be accomplished by using the registration form posted on our Web site or by contacting the DANTES Training Manager, Code 10C, at (850) 452-1111 x3135 or via e-mail at training@voled.doded.mil.



A recent TCO Workshop held in Pensacola trained 35 new TCOs/ATCOs.

Workshop

TCO
Services
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2007 Dates

6-8 February
April (TBD)
8-10 May
7-9 August
14-16 Aug
18-20 September
6-8 November

Location

Atlanta, Ga.
Pensacola, Fla.
Pensacola, Fla.
Stockbridge, Mass.
Pensacola, Fla.
Atlanta, Ga.
Pensacola, Fla.

Retirements at DANTES

The following DANTES personnel are retiring in January:

Jim Rumpler, Head, Education Programs Department, was on active duty in the Army from 1967-69 and then starting in 1971 served in Army education as a civil servant in Virginia, Maryland, and Germany. He joined DANTES in 1993 in Heidelberg, Germany and returned to the States in 1997 as the DANTES Distance Learning Program Manager. He was later promoted to his current position as Head, Education Programs Department.

Trish Stronko, Program Support, began her civil service career as a clerk typist in 1976 at Quantico, Va. and also worked as a secretary and editorial clerk in Pensacola. She came to DANTES in 1990 and became an Ed Tech, assuming responsibility for the Tuition Assistance database.

Jim Ricket, Purchasing Agent, started his civil service career in 1982 with Food Service at NAS Pensacola. He also worked for the QA division, the Fuel Branch, and came to DANTES in 1986. His civil service career, combined with his 20 years in the Navy, gives him over 44 years service to the government.

Toni Streety, Program Operations Technician, worked from 1974 to

1983 at the Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola as the administrative assistant to the director of the Electronic Warfare school. She then worked as secretary to the CO of Marine Aviation Training Support Group (MATSG)

until 1984. She came to DANTES in 1984 and has been the Education Technician in the Exams Department.



A DANTES retirement ceremony was held at the NAS Pensacola Officers' Club. Top, L to R: Jim Rumpler, Carol Osborn, and Trish Stronko cut the cake. Right: Retirees and their spouses at the head table.



Best of the Military
Counselor WebBoard

The following are excerpts from postings on the Military Counselor WebBoard, located at <http://www.dantes.doded.mil>. Details on how to post and join the conversation are below.

► **State Tuition Policies Guide Updated:** The DANTES online State Tuition Policies for Active-Duty Military and Family Members has been updated.

► **Counseling Online Communities Question:** Terry Martin, Offutt AFB, poses a question about online communities. Any answers? Please reply to his topic.

► **24 Credit Hours:** Kathy Nash, USCG Norfolk, asks a question for the 1740 series.... Any answers, please reply to her topic.

► **Students can apply for DECA scholarships at commissaries:** Scholarships available.

To join the Military Counselor WebBoard, click on

<http://www.dantes.doded.mil>, click on the left side menu tab – DANTES WebBoard. Follow the directions for eligibility and registration. Be sure to select the Military Counselors WebBoard when registering. For new WebBoard users, there is a WebBoard Tutorial/User Orientation at the bottom of the registration page. Questions? E-mail refpubs@voled.doded.mil.

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(828) 227-7397

Toll Free: 866-928-4723

Fax: (828) 227-7115

E-mail: cgross@wcu.edu

Internet: <http://edoutreach.wcu.edu/military/index.html>

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AIG (Academically or Intellectually Gifted) Licensure

Online Graduate Programs

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Entrepreneurship
Construction Management
Human Resources
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Toll Free: 877-NJCUGRAD (877-652-8472)

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Master of Science in Professional Security Studies (Security Management)

Specializations in:

National Security
Corporate Security
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DANTES Catalog of Nationally Accredited Distance Learning Programs news

New school affiliated with DANTES:

Career Alternatives Learning Center

12158 Natural Bridge Road, Suite 101
Bridgeton, MO 63044
(314) 209-1777

Toll Free: 877-225-2481

Fax: (314) 209-0339

E-mail: info@online-calc.com

Internet: <http://www.online-calc.com>

Accreditation: Council on Occupational Education (COE)

Microsoft Office Professional
Project Management
Professional Communication
Professional Leadership
Professional Management
Computer Network Support
Network Administration and Security



College grads see big income boost

Adults with a bachelor's degree average over \$20,000 a year more than those with only a high school diploma, according to new Census data. The survey found that adults 18 and older with a bachelor's degree earned an average of \$51,554 in 2004, compared to \$28,645 for those with only a high school diploma.

Federal Student Aid pubs available soon

The new 2007-2008 Federal Student Aid materials should be available by February 2007. The U.S. Department of Education is currently printing and shipping these items to the DANTES Distribution Center. They are:

Stock# DANTES Title

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| 2403 | FAFSA on the Web Worksheet 2007-2008 |
| 2404 | Free Application For Fed. Student Aid 2007-2008 |
| 2405 | Funding Education Beyond High School |

When all three are in stock, DANTES will make an automatic distribution to those DANTES ID numbers that have these items on their account for automatic distribution. Questions concerning automatic distribution should be addressed to the DANTES Distribution Center, either e-mail, dist@voled.doded.mil, or call DSN 922-1082/CML (850) 452-1082.

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